

REMARKS

The Action states that restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

Invention I. Claims 1-13 and 37, drawn to a method for data manipulation, classified in class 707; subclass 101;

Invention II. Claims 14 - 23, 38, 40, and 54 - 57, drawn from database searching, classified in class 707, subclass 3;

Invention III. Claims 24 - 36, 39, 41 - 42, and 58 - 62, drawn to deleting a database entry, classified in class 707, subclass 203;

Invention IV. Claims 43 - 50, drawn from a data structure, classified in class 707, subclass 102; and

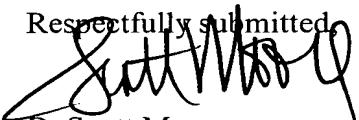
Invention V. Claims 51-53, drawn from a system for managing Internet Protocol Security, classified in class 709, subclass 230.

In response, Applicants elect Invention I, corresponding to Claims 1 - 13, 37, and 40. Applicants respectfully submit that independent Claim 40 should be included as part of invention I because Claim 40 is the computer program product analog of system Claim 37 and method Claim 1. Applicants agree that unpatentability of the claims of Inventions II through V, which correspond to Claims 14 - 36, 38, 39, and 41 - 62, would not necessarily imply unpatentability of the claims of Invention I. Accordingly, Applicants are making this election without traverse, and have canceled Claims 14 - 36, 38, 39, and 41 - 62 without prejudice or disclaimer.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request allowance of 1 - 13, 37, and 40. If any extension of time for the accompanying response or submission is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefor. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee that may be required or credit any refund to our Deposit Account No. 50-0220.

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